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A MATTER THAT DEMANDS ATTENTION.

Elsewhere on this page appears an appeal to the people of Bryan in behalf of the Carnegie Library, written by Miss Willson, the librarian, by request of The Eagle. There is a deplorable lack of interest in this very valuable

adjunct to the educational institutions of Bryan and it is hoped Miss Willson's suggestions will receive the attention their importance demands. A public library without standard works of reference is like iced tea with the tea left out. It needs not only a cyclopedia and a full course of history, as Miss Willson suggests, but also a gazetteer, a dictionary of biography, a classical dictionary, a compendium of science and other works necessary to enable anyone who so desires to to secure information on any subject.

Miss Willson informs us that while the library is neglected by the adults it is liberally patronized by the young, especially by the students of the various schools, the number of books taken out during the past summer averaging from sixty to seventy-five per day. There are many calls for information that could easily be found in standard works of reference and much disappointment is the result. The Carnegie Library building is an ornament and an honor to the city but the condition of the shelves is simply disgraceful.

THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Its Condition and Its Needs. Works of Reference, Much in Demand, Are Lacking.

Some few days ago The Eagle referred to Bryan as the City of Schools and Churches, but our library is far from the standard demanded by such an educational center. I therefore desire to appeal to the citizens of Bryan on behalf of this institution and enlist their help toward placing it on a firm basis. This institution ought to and can become an engine of progress in the intellectual development of this city, but the first essential to the active co-operation on the part of the citizens and those engaged in this common cause of enlightenment and culture. To this end we ought to have a careful assortment and a wide range of books. At present we are handicapped by the limitation of reference works, as all we can show in that line is a collection of magazines. An encyclopedia is an absolute necessity. A "Universal History" would be useful too. The students of Allen Academy and of our public schools frequently require data for essays etc., and there is no source to which they can go for the information they desire. To satisfy the needs of students and all careful readers some books of reference of the kind indicated above should be placed on the shelves. We should have in fiction, good books that make for nobleness of character. In order to counteract the debilitating influence of much that is produced by the modern press. Boys desire stories of adventure and we should try to cater to this spirit, at the same time taking care that the matter be wholesome and good. We must purchase what is the most serviceable and good, to the end we have in view—that is, a library to which we could look with pride and use with profit. As the library grows it will increase in usefulness and will be better patronized by the community. Many do not find the class of literature they desire and so do not take an interest in its condition. We ought to have such a collection of books that anyone could prosecute a course of reading on any topic and find an extensive literature at their command for research. The library has been largely patronized in the past, as we hope it will be in the future when we get the books so much needed. It only requires a little more co-operation on the part of all the citizens and soon we shall have a well equipped library, able to meet the demands of the reading people, and one that would be a source of pride to a city of culture and education like Bryan.

Lilly Wilson,
Librarian.

Mr. P. F. Page, secretary of the Prohibition state committee, in a recent interview said: "It is an axiom of politics that no political party that is divided on a vital principle of govern-

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ment can be depended on to enact or enforce any radical legislation touching the subject." That is unquestionably true and it explains why the democratic party has not had the confidence of a majority of the people of the United States. And it will always be so while Democrats are divided on fundamental principles, such as the tariff and local self government.

If President Taft were the only one concerned we wouldn't mention it, but being as Archie Butts is to pass through Bryan soon we insist that the proper authorities at once get busy with cleaning up and putting in order

everything in sight before the arrival of the party of Mr. Butts, of which the president is an insignificant member.

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